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1. No part of the Stmisce aluminum plant is working today.

Alumina Factory

2. The buildings of the alumina factory are complete. About 8 to 10 per cent of the equipment in this factory however is lacking. The capital already invested in it totals some 12 to 13 million dollars. Envisaged production is 60,000 tons of first class alumina per year, but the factory has been so planned that production can be stepped up to 100,000 tons. The factory will employ the so-called "Turn" process.<sup>1</sup>

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Aluminum Factory

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5. Main stumbling block to the completion of the factory is the electricity supply. To overcome this, a step-down transformer station between the grid and the factory will be built. The Yugoslavs are at present getting equipment for this transformer station

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6. The factory will employ the Söderberg process. The Yugoslavs bought the patents in 1949 [redacted] for one million dollars. 50X1-HUM
7. The capital to be invested in this factory was initially estimated at \$40,000,000. Now, though having decided to cut the original plans by one third, 8 to 10 million dollars are still lacking. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Employees

8. Total employees in the alumina factory number about 1,200; in the aluminum factory about 1,100. The staff of the entire plant totals about 2,500. Accommodation for these workers has already been provided. 50X1-HUM

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